

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO LONNIE JACKSON

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 26, 2006*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man who led many causes on prominent issues in Columbus, GA. At the age of 77, Mr. Lonnie Jackson died from stomach cancer. He served his community and his country throughout his entire life, all the while, blazing new trails for those who would follow him.

Born in Talladega, Alabama in 1929, Mr. Jackson came into the world the same year as the great Dr. Martin Luther King. The son of a road worker and a domestic worker, Jackson knew nothing but hard work. His parents instilled in him the notion that to accomplish anything you had to work for it. And that he did. Even at an early age, Jackson deemed it necessary to get involved in the issues of the community. He stated, "We were trained to be a good citizen."

In 1946 Mr. Jackson, with patriotism at the forefront, entered the army after finishing the tenth grade, and later went on to earn his GED in the military. He served overseas in the Korean War and remained in the service until completion of his two tours in Vietnam in 1972. He credits the army for teaching him leadership, discipline, and patriotism. After retirement, he began a successful civilian career working at Dolly Madison and Swift Textiles. Twenty years after leaving the Army, he earned an associate's degree from Chattahoochee Valley Community College, and later a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Troy University.

Whether education issues, litter control, voting rights, civil rights, or supporting the military, Jackson was always the front-runner when it came to championing these important issues. For example, while still in the military, he noticed a problem with litter and organized various clean-ups as early as 1961. Voting was another campaign that he held close to his heart. "Voting is important," he said. "It's the best way to let your voice be heard. And, despite what some might say, it does make a difference." Although environmental issues and voting were very important to Lonnie Jackson, nothing compared to his passion for education. He was also responsible for organizing a tutorial program which has helped more than 23,000 children and is still counting. The tutoring sessions are designed to help students keep pace with their classes. Countless students who went through the program went on to make better grades in school and higher scores on standardized tests.

Mr. Lonnie Jackson leaves behind his daughter Lonya Jackson-Sardenas and her son Devarious Jackson, as well as his half-brother, Turner Jackson and his wife of two years, Betty Jackson. When asked what lessons she learned from her father, Lonya replied, "Always care for others, always follow

your dreams, and if something needs to be done, don't sit back and wait for others. Go and do it."

Today, we thank and honor the late Mr. Lonnie Jackson for his dedication and lifelong commitment to the welfare of others and his community. His lifetime of altruistic care-giving has made him a legend in our community and an inspirational figure for us all.

### TRIBUTE TO MR. HERBERT "HERB" TEICHMAN

#### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 26, 2006*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Herbert "Herb" Teichman of Eau Claire, Michigan, who will be honored this morning by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, NOAA, and the National Weather Service for his decades of service as a volunteer weather observer. Mr. Teichman is one of 25 individuals across the nation who will receive the John Campanius Holm Award. The award's namesake, John Campanius Holm, was the first known person known to have taken systematic weather observations in 1644 and 1645. Through an act of Congress in the 1890s, the first comprehensive networks of cooperative stations were created consequently establishing the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Weather observation has been a long tradition in the Teichman family. Herb's father, William, established the Eau Claire site in 1923 in order to benefit the family's fruit business. On August 1, 1968, Herb assumed his father's daily duties and continues to serve the NOAA and NWS to this day. Herb's distinguished 38 years of service not only demonstrate his unparalleled commitment, but the fact that he continues to volunteer demonstrates his great character. He has braved severe weather through the decades, from 30 inch snow days to oppressive heat and humidity. His records have been praised for their detail and organization and have been essential for scientists studying floods, droughts, and heat and cold waves. His observations have also played a vital role in supporting economic and national security by the prediction and exploration of weather and climate-related events.

Mr. Teichman is a caring and dedicated servant of Michigan. I would like to extend my thanks to him for all of his good work and wish him congratulations upon receiving this prestigious award. Today, Mr. Teichman joins the illustrious ranks of past Holm awardees, including his father, for his commitment and dedication to weather observation.

### IN MEMORY OF CHARLES GAINES

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 26, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Charles Gaines, the 49 year old Fire Chief for the city of Fort Worth.

I was blessed with meeting the Fire chief several times during his 4 year tenure as Chief of the Fort Worth Fire Department. The commitment and dedication he showed to his profession was evident from the moment we met. Under his leadership, Chief Gaines was accountable for oversight of the 745 Fire fighters that compose the Fort Worth Fire Department. As Fire Chief he also oversaw the department's response to over 57,000 incidences annually in the city of Fort Worth

Before serving as the Fire Chief of Fort Worth, Mr. Gaines served in the United States Air Force as a fire protection specialist. He worked on crash-rescue teams at various Air Force bases until his promotion to Air Force assistant chief. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1980, he continued his career as a member of the Oklahoma City Fire Department in 1981.

During the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Chief Gaines served as the fire department's operations safety officer. His service and leadership during this national tragedy ensured that the first responders and civilians were informed and received all medical attention necessary.

His detail-oriented approach to problems within the department ensured that issues were addressed the first time around. After earning his Masters Degree in Business Administration from Oklahoma City University, Chief Gaines incorporated efficient management techniques throughout the Fort Worth Fire Department. This management style allowed him to incorporate and encourage innovation and alternative thinking; Chief Gaines was able to initiate solutions that would more effectively safeguard the citizens of Fort Worth, while saving tax dollars in the process.

His leadership, professionalism and dedication will not be forgotten in the City of Fort Worth or Oklahoma City. Mr. Gaines' devotion to his career and his fellow officers was absolute, and his service to the Fort Worth community will be deeply missed.

### CONGRATULATING MR. DENNIS HAHN

#### HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 26, 2006*

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of my constituents, Mr. Dennis Hahn, who has received a Certificate

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